

### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The AOFC was formed in 2005 to represent the interests of its member countries within International Floorball. The AOFC is affiliated with the International Floorball Federation (IFF).

The AOFC is structured with a Central Board (CB) of 8 members and 2 sub committees reporting to the CB. The CB and sub committee positions are determined every 2 years at the General Assembly.

- Rules and Competition Sub Committee
- Marketing and Development Sub Committee

The AOFC carries out the following roles and activities

- Coordinate the calling for and recommendations for organisers to hold the Asia Pacific Floorball Championships (APAC) annually. APAC is rotated through member countries who submit bids to hold the tournament. As from 2010 APAC will also become the WFC qualification for men and women each subsequent year.
- Liaise directly with IFF on issues of marketing, development and competitions. This includes where and when to hold IFF Development seminars, loan rinks and competitions for WFC qualifications
- The AOFC coordinates with the IFF where, who, how and when the IFF support for new developing countries is utilised such as sticks, balls, rinks etc
- The AOFC now has a number of personnel trained by IFF to be able to present the IFF Development seminar materials which cover Organisation, Coaching and Refereeing. These persons are available to assist new countries develop there own skills and present the sport in their country

#### **2.0 CURRENT MEMBERS**

The AOFC currently consists of 11 member countries being;

- Australia
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Korea
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- New Zealand
- Pakistan
- Singapore
- Thailand

## **3.0 OBJECTIVES AND GOALS**

There are a number of actions required to continue to achieve the following main goals

- Increase the number of countries playing the game and the number of countries becoming IFF and AOFC members
- Work with existing member countries to ensure they meet the future IFF licensing requirements
- Participate in multi sport games in AOFC region to include SEA Games, Pan Pacific Masters Games, Commonwealth Games

### 4.0 RESORCES

In order to meet the objectives and goals the AOFC will need to work closely with the IFF to develop the resources in AOFC to allow AOFC and its member countries to pursue these goals.

Lack of finances and resources is the major issue for countries in the AOFC region. Many of the countries are only newly developing and lack funds and sport facilities. The resources to be developed and actions to be taken include the following

- Persons in AOFC countries capable to deliver the IFF Development seminar materials at various levels in different countries at different development stages
- Continue to seek and receive support from IFF to
  - Provide balls, sticks and other equipment for new developing countries
  - Develop and deliver training materials, seminars etc for developing countries and existing members
- Appoint a full time Development Officer for the AOFC who would have the following roles
  - Identify through various contacts, channels etc potential persons in countries to work with to develop floorball in new countries
  - Contact and work with new contacts to establish the game in their country
  - Work with existing potential countries to develop their structures, resources etc to enable them to meet the IFF membership criteria

- Work with existing AOFC member countries to ensure they meet the future IFF registration requirements including National Associations, National Championships and numbers of clubs/teams
- The AOFC will need to seek funding assistance for the Development Officer from the current AOFC members, their government bodies and the IFF and potential sponsors

# 5.0 PLANNED ACTIONS 2011

### 5.1 Thailand

- Ongoing discussions with the 2 Thailand groups to establish an ongoing structure for floorball in Thailand. Meetings to be held with AOFC, IFF and the 2 parties present on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011. Decision and recommendation will then be made on way forward in Thailand
- Thailand have offered to hold the IFF seminar

### 5.2 Iran

• Coaching and introduction visit being planned for 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April by IFF and AOFC

## 5.3 Sri Lanka

- Visit to Sri Lanka to launch floorball and conduct some training with IFF and AOFC being planned for March 2011
- Sri Lank has offered to hold the IFF seminar

### 5.4 Malaysia

• IFF Office is discussing financial position. AOFC to follow up as well to help in solving the financial issues

### 5.5 Indonesia

- Coaching session held at University another being planned for July using AOFC personnel
- Discussions required to ensure National Association is fully functional some issues at the moment to resolve

### 5.6 Nepal

• There are 3 parties in Nepal involved with Floorball. They will be invited to the IFF Seminar and discussions held to have them work together. Nicholas Prieto to assist in the process

### 5.7 Bangladesh

• AOFC to organise a coaching session same as for Indonesia this year

# 5.8 Philippines

- Officers have been elected to new National Floorball Association. Process to continue for full establishment in the country
- Philippines have offered to host the IFF seminar

### 5.9 Taiwan

• Follow up required by AOFC of Singapore Player now living in Taiwan

#### 5.10 India

- Ongoing discussions required with India to ensure the National Association is functional to support floorball development in India
- Discuss Loan Rink as loan period is due to expire shortly
- 5.11 **IFF Development Seminar** in May 2011 in South East Asia aimed at the following countries attending.
  - 5.11.1 Indonesia
  - 5.11.2 Philippines
  - 5.11.3 Bangladesh
  - 5.11.4 Sri Lanka
  - 5.11.5 Mongolia
  - 5.11.6 Nepal
  - 5.11.7 Iran
  - 5.11.8 India
  - 5.11.9 Malaysia
  - 5.11.10Thailand